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Letter dated 16 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the communiqué adopted by the women of the States members of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America — Peoples' Trade Agreement (ALBA-TCP) at their meeting on the margins of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on 11 March 2015, rejecting the "executive order" issued by Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, in which he describes the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela as an "unusual and extraordinary threat" to United States national security and foreign policy (see annex).

I should therefore be grateful if you would use your good offices to have the communiqué circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 30 and 117.

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Annex to the letter dated 16 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Communiqué: the women of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America reject the interference and aggression of the Government of the United States of America against the people of Venezuela

[11 March 2015]

The women of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), meeting on the margins of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, firmly and categorically reject the recent decision of Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, to declare that Venezuela is a "threat to the national security [...] of the United States", as a prelude to larger-scale action against the Venezuelan people.

The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has on numerous occasions expressed its unequivocal desire to maintain a fraternal dialogue with the Government of the United States of America on the basis of respect, the sovereign equality of States and non-interference in their internal affairs, principles that are enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and central to international peace and security.

The unilateral measures taken by the United States Government against officials of the Venezuelan State flagrantly violate international law and the principles of the Charter, because they are designed to restrict the right to self-determination of a sovereign, free and independent State.

Since its inception, the Bolivarian Revolution has been characterized by efforts to overcome the exclusion and rejection faced by the forgotten sectors of the Venezuelan population, and in particular to assert the historic role of women.

We remain convinced that the august dignity and nobility of the Venezuelan people will once against frustrate the shady intentions and warmongering declarations of the mouthpieces of the Obama Government, which today aspires once again to quash the desire of Latin America and the Caribbean for freedom and social justice.